

Angels

**The Story of Usaid (RA) - When Angels
Listened to the Qur'an**

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Chapter 1: The Night of Divine Revelation

The Recitation Amidst the Stable:

Usaid (RA) sat alone in his stable one night, absorbed in the recitation of the Qur'ān. As his voice echoed among the stalls, his mare suddenly began to rear and toss her head. Undeterred, he carried on with his reading, though the animal's agitation only grew more pronounced.

A Father's Concern for His Child:

Though Usaid (RA) continued without pause, his heart trembled with fear for his young daughter, who lay nearby. The mare's restless movements threatened to trample her at any moment. Driven by paternal instinct, he rose and approached the horse, determined to shield his child from harm.

The Celestial Visitation:

As he stood before the mare, Usaid (RA) gazed upward to behold a wondrous sight: a cloud-like formation hovering above him, studded with points of light resembling lanterns. This luminous assemblage slowly ascended into the night sky until it faded from view, leaving him in awe of what he had witnessed.

Seeking the Prophet's Insight:

At dawn, Usaid (RA) presented himself before the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) to recount these extraordinary events. He described the mare's upheaval, his protective approach, and the moving vision that had appeared above him.

The Explanation Revealed:

Usaid (RA):

"O Messenger of Allah! Last night, as I recited the Qur'ān in my stable, my mare began to rear and tremble."

Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ):

"Usaid (RA), continue your recitation."

Usaid (RA):

"I obeyed and read on; still the mare jumped."

Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ):

"Usaid (RA), continue your recitation."

Usaid (RA):

"So I persisted, though she continued to leap. Fearing for my daughter, I moved near her, when I saw above me a cloud-like object with lights like lanterns. It ascended until I could no longer see it."

Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ):

"They were angels who came to listen to your recitation. Had you continued until morning, others would have seen them too, and they would not have remained hidden."